Grand Teton

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Highlights

First time visitors to Grand Teton National Park often ask, "What is there to do and see?" Ways abound to see this Park and to engage in activities that do not harm the Park resources. From canoeing to climbing, from hiking to hawk watching, Grand Teton offers something for everyone. Here are some suggestions to help you enjoy the scenery and values that make Grand Teton one of our nation's most popular parks.

SEE THE SCENERY

A drive along the Park roads will reveal some of the most photographed scenes in the country. A series of wayside turnouts north of Moose on U.S. routes 26-89-191 offer outstanding views. Look for Snake River Overlook where Ansel Adams took his famous photograph of the Teton Range. The Oxbow Bend of the Snake River lies between Moran Junction and Jackson Lake Junction. The calm waters of early morning reflect massive Mt. Moran. The road to the summit of Signal Mountain will lead you to excellent sunrise and sunset photographs. Drive the one-way road from North Jeny Lake Junction and stop at the Cathedral Group turnout where the mountains rise abruptly from the valley floor. Many other scenic vistas await you. Search out your own special view.

MUSE THROUGH A MUSEUM

Spend some time at the Colter Bay Indian Arts Museum. For insights into the culture, art, and life of 19th-century Native Americans, join a Park Ranger on one of the museum tours.

A visit to Menor's Ferry Historic District gives you another glimpse into the past. This area depicts life in turn-of-the-century Jackson Hole. Plan to stop at the nearby Chapel of the Transfiguration.

WATCH WILDLIFE AND WILDFLOWERS

Grand Teton National Park boasts a variety of animal and plant life. Each living thing prefers a certain habitat, or home. Learning about these habitats from books or from a park ranger will increase your chances of seeing that special wildflower or animal. Try the Oxbow Bend, Swan Lake, Blacktail Ponds, and Timbered Island for excellent opportunities to view birds and mammals. The valley floor abounds with wildflowers during June and early July. Hike the mountain trails to view wildflowers in July and August.

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TAKE A HIKE

Slow down and take some time to see the mountains close-up. Grand Teton has more than 200 miles of hiking trails ranging from flat and easy trails on the valley floor to steep, arduous trails across the mountains. Each trail is unique and spectacular. A popular trail leads to Hidden Falls and Cascade Canyon, located across Jenny Lake. Avoid the crowds and hike in Granite, Open, and Death Canyons.
If you have time for a short hike, try this one. Park near Jenny Lake Ranger Station. Walk to the lakeshore and you will see the boat dock and the concessioner shuttle boats that travel to the west shore boat dock and the trailhead for Cascade Canyon. A 20-minute boat ride will take you across this pristine glacial lake. Walking an easy half mile on the Cascade Canyon trail will lead you to 200-foot Hidden Falls. Another half mile up the ascending trail brings you to Inspiration Point and views of Jenny Lake and Jackson Hole. Return the way you came or walk on into Cascade Canyon itself to view some of the most breath-taking mountain scenery in the Park.

RENDEZVOUS WITH A RANGER

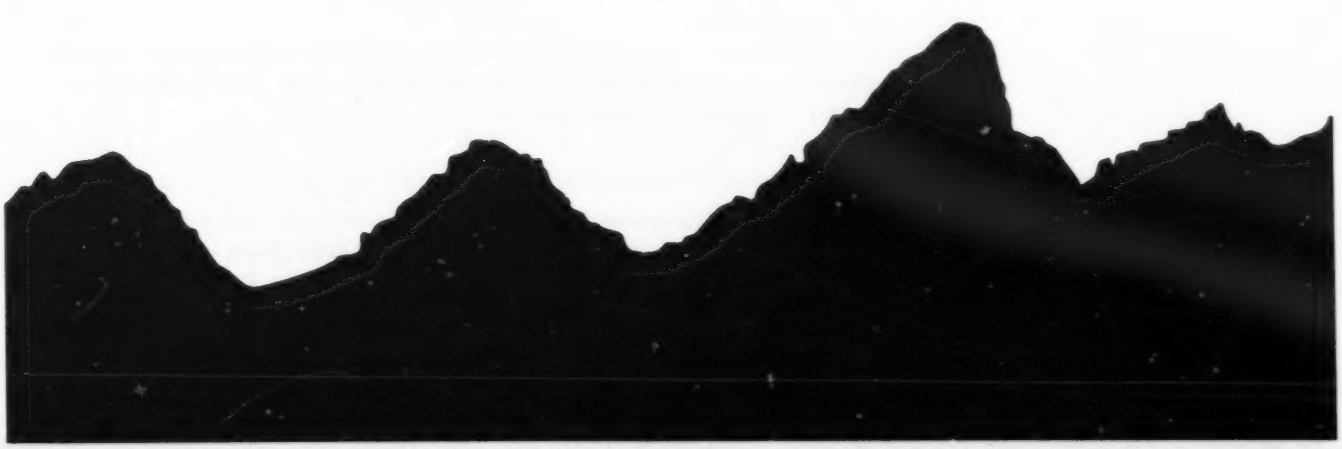
The National Park Service presents a variety of ranger-led walks and talks throughout the day. Campfire programs are presented every evening during the summer. These programs and activities are free to the public and provide a wealth of knowledge and information about Grand Teton National Park. Pick up an activity schedule at any visitor center or ranger station.

RAFT A RIVER
RIDE A HORSE

Raft the Snake River for a unique view of Grand Teton. Operated by Park concessioners, these trips depart daily from early morning to late evening. The river through the Park has few rapids. Watch for moose along the banks and bald eagles soaring above.
Park concessioners offer horseback rides ranging from one hour in the saddle to overnight pack trips. Trail rides originate at Flagg Ranch, Colter Bay, Jackson Lake Lodge, and Jenny Lake.

VISIT THE VILLAGES

Communities surrounding the Park offer many worthwhile and enjoyable activities. Rodeos, nightly mock shoot-outs, art galleries, art festivals, and old west opry shows provide family entertainment in Jackson. Teton Village is the site of the Jackson Hole Aerial Tram and an annual classical music festival happen at . For more information contact the Jackson Hole Area Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box E, Jackson, Wyoming 83001 (307) 733-3316.



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